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BARNACK RURAL DISTRICT.ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1949.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health:- W. Anley Hawes, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Lond.
Part Time.

Sanitary Inspector:- Mr. C. Green, M.R., San.I., M.S.I.A.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my report for the year 1949, which from the Public Health aspect can be considered very satisfactory.

The Birth Rate of 24.9 and Death Rate of 9.3 compare very favourably with those for England and Wales of 16.7 and 11.7 respectively.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 34.4 is slightly higher than that of the rest of the County (32). There have been no deaths from maternal causes and no deaths from infectious diseases. The incidence of infectious diseases has been slight, no case of diphtheria have been reported. One new case only of tuberculosis, a patient transferred from another district was notified during the year.

The Barnack Water Supply has been very satisfactory in quantity and quality.

Under the Council's Housing Scheme, 36 houses have been completed, (Vittering 20, Barnack 16), and work was commenced on a further 24 houses at Winsford. 7 houses were built under private enterprise.

SECTION A.

Area	14.545 acres.
Total Population.....	2327.
No. of Inhabited Houses	748.
Rateable Value	£15,573.
Sum represented by Penny Rate .	£59.

SOCIAL CONDITION. The main industry is agriculture.

	M.	F.		
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	Total	58	27 31) Birth Rate per 1,000 of
	Legitimate	26	31) estimated resident pop-
	Illegitimate	1	0	ulation - 24.9.

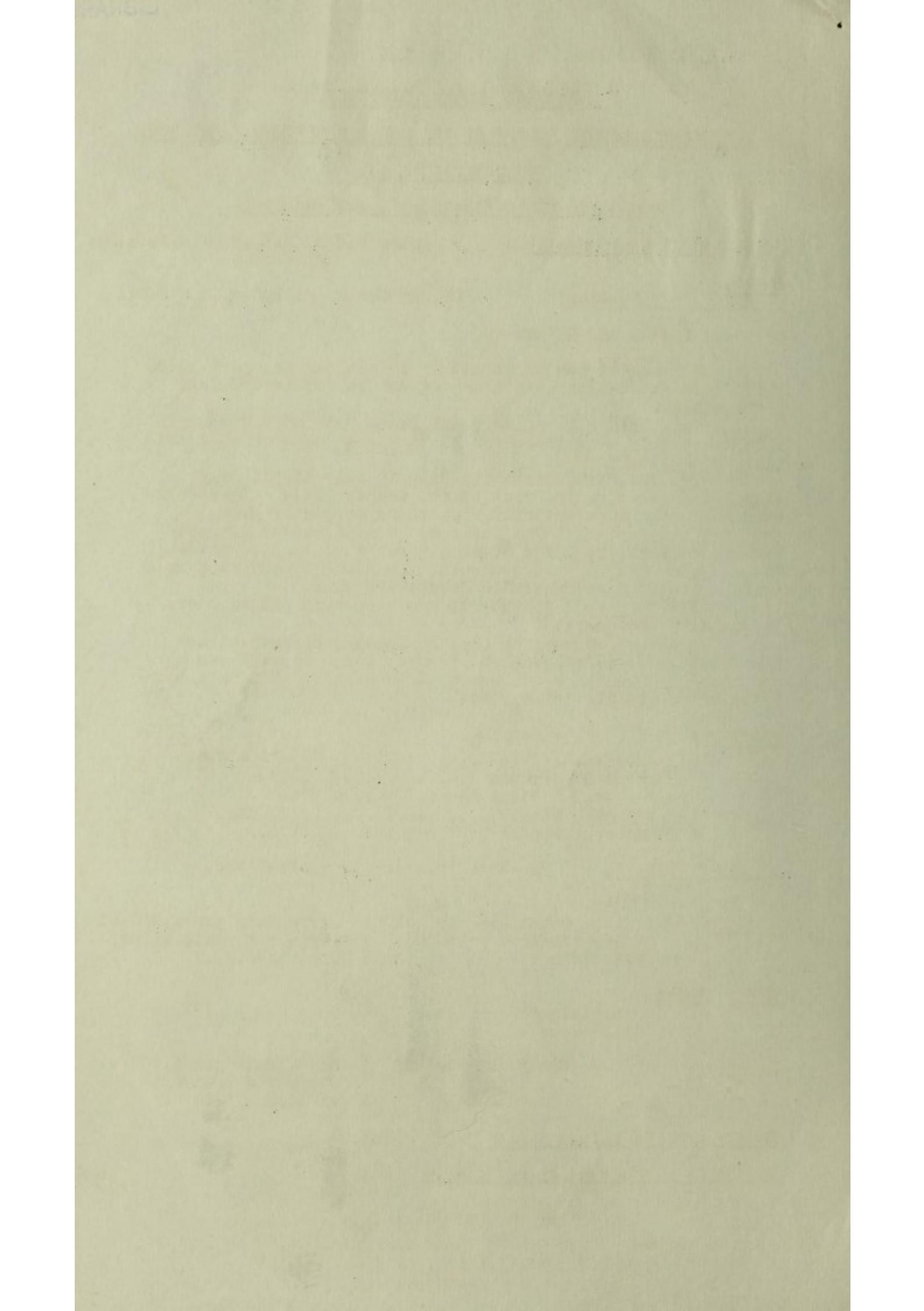
STILL BIRTHS.

Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-

	Total	22	10	12) Death Rate per 1,000 of
<u>DEATHS.</u>) estimated resident pop-
) ulation - 9.3

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis. Nil.

Deaths from other Puerperal causes Nil



Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

Two deaths occurred in children under one year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births.....	34.4.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births.....	34.4.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births.....	Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs of age)	1.

Corresponding rates for England and Wales.

Birth Rate	16.7
Death Rate	11.7
Death Rate per 1,000 live births of all infants under 1 year of age..	32

There has been an increase in the Birth Rate of the District of 1.6 compared with 1948.

There has been a decrease in the Death Rate of the District of 2.9 compared with 1948.

SECTION E.

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

By contract with Ministry of Health Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, at the cost of £7.10.0. per annum.

(b) Nursing in the Home.

(1) General - District Nursing Service under the County Council is available to all villages.

(2) Infectious Cases - No provision made by the Council.

(c) Clinics and Treatment Centres. - Infant Welfare Clinics are provided in Barnack, Thornhaugh and Wittering.

(d) Hospitals.

Acute medical and surgical cases are admitted chiefly to Stamford Hospital.

Chronic sick are admitted to either St. John's Close, Peterborough or St. George's Hospital, Stamford.

Admission to both these hospitals has been difficult.

(e) National Assistance Act 1948. No action has been taken during the year.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) WATER. The District is provided with two piped supplies, Barnack and Thornhaugh, owned by the Council.

The Parishes of Wothorpe and St. Martin's Without are supplied by the Stamford Water Company.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Peterborough Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

Wittering is provided with a piped supply from the Stamford Water Works and it is intended to extend this supply to Thornhaugh and Wansford.

All villages in the District have now a piped supply.

BARNACK SUPPLY - BORE HOLE. Chlorinated at source.

Quality - The quality and quantity of water have been very satisfactory. 11 samples were taken for bacteriological examination of both raw and chlorinated water with the following results:-

72%	-	Class I.
18%	-	Class II.
0%	-	Class III.
10%	-	Class IV.

All chlorinated samples were Class I.

Quantity - Has been adequate.

THORNHAUGH WATER SUPPLY - SPRINGS. Chlorinated at source.

This supply has been adequate in quantity but results still show liability to surface pollution.

11 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis:-

45%	-	Class I.
36%	-	Class II.
0%	-	Class III.
19%	-	Class IV.

All chlorinated samples were Class I.

It has not been necessary to make any chemical analysis of water.

(2) DRainAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Temporary sewage disposal works are operating for drainage from council houses at Thornhaugh, Wittering and Pilgrate. The scheme for a general sewage disposal system for the whole district is still under consideration.

2. (1) Closet accommodation - Pail closet.

(2) Public Cleansing - By the Council Scavenger of pail closet and dry-house refuse throughout the District.

(3) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

No. of inspections made - 149. Re-visits - 174.

21 Informal notices have been served under Public Health and Housing Acts during the year.

1 Notice was outstanding at the end of the year.

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(4) Schools.

Pail closets are in use in all schools.
Barnack has a twice weekly collection by Scavenger.

SECTION D HOUSING.

11 Informal Notices were served on owners to carry out small general repairs.

No notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

Provision of new houses is still an urgent necessity. No action has been possible under Section 11 of the 1936 Housing Act to relieve those families living in houses deemed unfit for human habitation by reason of disrepair and sanitary defects.

PLANS AND BUILDINGS.

25 plans have been submitted for approval covered with 19 for 1948.

Housing Schemes.

Houses completed during the year - Wittering 30.
Barnack 16.

Houses in process of building - Wansford 24.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

Dairies and Cowsheds.

Licences issued during the year:-

Producers	-	nil.
Retail	-	nil.

Licences cancelled during the year:-

Producers	-	nil.
Retail	-	nil.

Particulars of Register at end of the year:-

Producers (Wholesale)	-	6
Do. (Retail)	-	9

Purveyors with premises outside the District	-	1
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(b) MINT AND OTHER FOODS. - Public Health (Mint)
Registrations 1934:-

Slaughter Houses None in use.

Bakehouses 2.

(c) FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

Nil report.

platitudes like the one about schools that
graduates of certain fields follow others and succeed

STRUCTURE OF PUPILS

There is apparently no correct way to teach English in
any particular situation. There are
so many ways to do it that it is difficult to say which is best.
The English teacher must be willing to
try different methods and be open to criticism
and willing to accept it without being annoyed.

INFLUENCE OF PUPILS

The pupils are not necessarily good or bad. They are
merely individuals who have been brought up in different environments.

TEACHING METHODS

There are many different methods of teaching English.
Some are better than others, but there is no one best method.
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SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND

OTHER DISEASES.

Patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Area Hospital Management Committee. Accommodation has been quite adequate. The incidence and severity of notifiable infectious diseases have again been very low; with only 9 cases of scarlet fever, no diphtheria, 13 whooping cough and 4 measles. Two mild cases of acute poliomyelitis occurred and were admitted to the Isolation Hospital, Peterborough.

Emergency removals have been prompt and very satisfactorily carried out.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Immunisation is provided by the County Council and the general practitioner services. No cases of diphtheria have been reported in the District since 1942.

BED BUGS.

No cases were reported during the year.

PEDICULOSIS.

No cases have been reported during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS).

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	9	3	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	13	-	-
Measles	4	-	-
Poliomyelitis	2	2	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-

The Distribution of the Notified Infectious Diseases.

	Scarlet Fever.		Pnuemonia.		Polio myelitis.		Measles.		Whooping Cough.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1 - 2 yrs.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3
3 - 4 "	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
5 - 9 "	2	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	3
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	4	-	1	1	1	3	1	6	7

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THE CRIME RATE

The annual increase most strikingly shown
and being largely national character of the increase
amounted to 10.7% in December last year and
thus increased by 10.7% above that made in October
and also the annual increase of 10.7% to the
six months, from January to June & also 10.7% in
December this year is second to none among all
the cities over the period of six months since
the beginning of 1900, and is the highest
annual increase ever had, and is also the highest
annual increase ever had.

ANNUAL CRIME RATE

The annual increase of 10.7% in December
is also the largest increase recorded in any
other month during the year and stands
as the largest increase recorded in any month

in the history of the city of New York.

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BOSTON, MASS. - DECEMBER 1, 1900.

Month	Year	Month	Year	Month	Year
Jan	1900	Feb	1900	Mar	1900
Apr	1900	May	1900	Jun	1900
Jul	1900	Aug	1900	Sep	1900
Oct	1900	Nov	1900	Dec	1900

NON-NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Nothing of importance to report.

CANCER

There has been no undue prevalence of cancer in the District.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
25 - 35 yrs.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(Transfer case)							
Total	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORY ACT.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health, (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of Inspec- tions. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted. (6)
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	7	12	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	6	8	1	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) ...	3	-	-	-	-
Total		13	20	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".

Particulars (1)	M/c Lino No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which pros- ecutions were instituted. (7)	
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.)	4	-	-	-	-	-	
Over- crowding	5	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreason- able temperature	6	-	-	-	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation	7	-	-	-	-	-	
Effectivc drainage of floors.	8	-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary Con- veniences (a) insuffic- ient	9)					
(b) unsuit- able or defective	10) 1	1	-	-	-	
(c) not separate for sexes	11)					
Other offences against the Act. (Not including offences relating to Outwork).	12	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	1	-	-	-	

DETAILS OF WATER SUPPLY IN THE PARISHES OF BARNACK BURY DISTRICT.

Estimated:-

Total number of houses.	(a) Water sup- plied dire- ct from main to house.	(b) Water supplied by stand- pipes.		
	(a) No. of <u>Houses.</u>	(b) No. of Inhab- itants.	(a)	(b)
BARNACK & PILSGATE.	209	154	462	55
ASHTON & BILTON.	57	41	123	15
UFFORD.	38	26	98	11
SCUTHORPE.	46	10	30	35
THORNHAUGH.	83	52	156	20
WANSFORD.	59	43	129	14
ST. MARTIN'S WITHOUT.	70	49	197	21
WOTHORPE.	51	36	108	25
WITTERING.	84	64	192	25

Some dwellings in isolated districts depend on wells.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W. ANTHONY HUNNES.

Medical Officer of Health.

July 1950.

